

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended): A method of preparing a self-supporting bag, comprising:
molding a main body of the self-supporting bag, including a body portion and a
bottom portion;

folding ~~[[a]]~~ the main body of the self-supporting bag, including ~~[[a]]~~ the body portion
and ~~[[a]]~~ the bottom portion ~~which is molded~~, such that the bottom portion is parallel to the
body portion and the self-supporting bag is flat; and

~~maintaining~~ folding the folded self-supporting bag by standing up both side portions
of ~~the main body in a width direction, including~~ the body portion and the bottom ~~portion,~~
portion in a width direction such that the self-supporting bag is ~~not flat~~ L-shaped on both of
the side portions to maintain the self-supporting bag in a folded state,

wherein the main body is comprised of synthetic resin.

2. (Currently Amended): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to
claim 1, wherein the folding the main body includes folding the bottom portion into two
toward an inner side of the body portion so as to fold the bottom portion in parallel to the
body portion.

3. (Currently Amended): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to
claim 1, wherein the folding the main body includes folding the bottom portion into two
toward an outer side of the body portion so as to fold the bottom portion in parallel to the
body portion.

4. (Previously Presented): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, further comprising:

a maintaining means for maintaining the folded state of the bag's main body.

5. (Withdrawn): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein a pouring port is formed in the bag's main body, and the self-supporting bag is provided with an air communication passage forming portion for making an intrusion of an ambient air into an inner portion of the bag's main body, at a time of pouring contents from the pouring port formed in the bag's main body.

6. (Withdrawn): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 5, wherein a pouring port forming portion and the air communication passage forming portion are arranged in parallel in the bag's main body, and the pouring port and an air communication passage are formed in parallel.

7. (Withdrawn): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 5, wherein a hanging hole forming portion is provided in the bag's main body, and an air communication passage forming portion is provided between an upper edge portion of the bag's main body and the hanging hole forming portion.

8. (Withdrawn): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 5, wherein the air communication passage forming portion forms an air communication passage, and a communication port communicating an intermediate portion of the air communication passage with an inner portion of the bag's main body.

9. (Previously Presented): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, further comprising:

filling the bag's main body with at least one of a surface active agent or a solvent as a component.

10. (Currently Amended): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein the body portion includes two side surfaces and the folding the main body includes folding each of the two side surfaces into two toward an outer side of the body portion so as to fold the body portion in parallel to the bottom portion.

11. (Currently Amended): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein the body portion includes two side surfaces and the folding the main body includes folding each of the two side surfaces into two toward an inner side of the body portion so as to fold the body portion in parallel to the bottom portion.

12. (Currently Amended): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein the ~~maintaining~~ folding the folded self-supporting bag includes standing up both of the side portions of the ~~main~~ body portion and the bottom portion in the width direction such that the side portions extend in a direction perpendicular to a central portion of the main body.

13. (Previously Presented): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 1, wherein the body portion includes a front surface and a back surface and the front surface is attached via fusion bonding to the back surface along a top edge of the main body to form a charging portion, and

the method further comprises:

opening the charging portion;

filling the self-supporting bag with a component via the charging portion; and

after the filling, sealing the charging portion via heat sealing or ultrasonic sealing.

14. (Previously Presented): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 13, further comprising:

pouring the component from the self-supporting bag via a pouring port that is separate from the charging portion.

15. (Previously Presented): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 4, wherein the maintaining means includes at least one convex portion on the body portion and at least one concave portion on the body portion to be engaged and disengaged with the convex portion.

16. (Previously Presented): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 4, wherein the maintaining means includes at least one convex portion on the bottom portion and at least one concave portion on the bottom portion to be engaged and disengaged with the convex portion.

17. (Previously Presented): The method of preparing a self-supporting bag according to claim 4, wherein the maintaining means includes a hot melt on the bottom portion and the hot melt adheres a first side of the bottom portion to a second side of the bottom portion.

18. (Currently Amended): A method of preparing a self-supporting bag, comprising:
molding a main body of the self-supporting bag, including a body portion and a
bottom portion;

folding ~~[[a]]~~ the main body of the self-supporting bag, including ~~[[a]]~~ the body portion
and ~~[[a]]~~ the bottom portion, ~~which is molded~~ such that the bottom portion is parallel to the
body portion and the self-supporting bag is flat; and

~~maintaining~~ folding the folded self-supporting bag by standing up both side portions
of the ~~main body in a width direction, including~~ the body portion and the bottom ~~portion;~~
portion in a width direction such that the support bag is ~~not flat~~ L-shaped on both of the side
portions to maintain the self-supporting bag in a folded state.